

rate of 20% and 35% *ad-valorem* with effect from 1.3.92 In addition, a special excise duty of 15% of the basic duty is also leviable, which make the total incidence of duty to be 23% and 40.25% As the rates of duty have been revised recently, there is no proposal to modify the structure of excise duty on Paint Industry at present

Production of Colour Picture Tubes

2433 SHRI SOBHNADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation has applied for a licence to produce colour picture tubes in collaboration with M/s Philips of Holland,

(b) if so, the latest steps of this proposal,

(c) whether the M/s Videocon has also evinced interest to take up this as joint venture, and

(d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) to (d) A composite proposal for expansion of capacity and foreign collaboration for manufacture of colour picture tubes was received from M/s Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (APEDC) The application was registered by Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) on 11.4.86 The proposal was not accepted by the Government of India M/s APEDC represented against this decision in December, 1988 Meanwhile, the collaborator of M/s APEDC, namely M/s Philips, Holland, informed the Government of India that they had withdrawn their offer of collaboration with M/s APEDC and terminated all its past arrangements for technology transfer

for the manufacture of colour picture tubes Subsequently, however, M/s Philips changed their decision and offered to transfer technology for manufacture of colour picture tubes to M/s APEDC and/or M/s Videocon The Government of Andhra Pradesh and M/s APEDC have no objection to the consideration of application of M/s Videocon for the grant of licence for the manufacture of Colour picture tubes in collaboration with M/s Philips, Holland provided

1 M/s Videocon set up the plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh only

2 3-5% equity participation by M/s APEDC in the project

3 Reimbursement of prior pre operative expenditure incurred by M/s APEDC in the project

4 Nomination of one Director from Government of Andhra Pradesh on the Board of Directors of the company

M/s Videocon has confirmed the location of their plant for manufacture of colour picture tubes in the State of Andhra Pradesh There is no proposal from M/s Videocon to take up this project as a Joint Venture However, the proposal of M/s Videocon is under consideration of the Government of India

Law for Persons Become Handicapped on Duty

2434 SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any law for the workers who become permanently handicapped while rendering service, and

(b) if so, the measures contemplated to safeguard the legitimate interests of such workers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR). (a) and (b). No, Sir. Provisions exist in two legislations, namely, the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 for employment injury benefits to workers covered under the respective acts.

[Translations]

Complaints regarding Issuing of Ration Cards

2435 SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints against the officials of Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Delhi Administration regarding issuing of ration cards in Zone 36; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Delhi Administration has reported that a complaint of alleged misbehavior was received; it was, however, not found substantiated.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above question does not arise.

[English]

ODA Loan for Rajamundry Municipal Committee

2436. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will

the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajamundry Municipal Council has sought Overseas Development Administration Loan for development of water schemes and slum development; and

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM). (a) and (b). No Sir. However, proposal was received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to consider upgradation of slums in Rajahmundry with the assistance from ODA. The State Government has already been informed that it is not possible to support any additional project in Andhra Pradesh as three projects in Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam and Vijayawada are already in progress with the assistance from ODA.

[Translations]

Purchase of Spare Parts by C.I.L.

2437. SHRIBHUBANESWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spare parts worth millions of rupees are being purchased each year by the Coal India Ltd.;

(b) whether these spare parts are being purchased at higher than the market prices;

(c) whether these spare parts are sub-standard; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDE): (a) Yes, Sir.